Gold Creek School welcomes the Governor General

We are extremely fortunate to have Her Excellency the Honourable Quentin Bryce AC CVO Governor of the Commonwealth of Australia visiting Gold Creek Kindergarten this Friday 23 August 2013 between 9:10-9:55am. As a National Patron for The Children’s Book Council of Australia, the Governor General is looking to acknowledge and celebrate Book Week with the students of Gold Creek Kindergarten. While at Gold Creek, the Governor General will read her favourite children’s book to the children, listen to children read, share a high tea provided by our senior hospitality students and officially launch the new and improved Gold Creek School website.

Gold Creek School has a large population of Defence families and particularly honoured to host Her Excellency the Honourable Quentin Bryce AC CVO Governor of the Commonwealth of Australia for a morning of reading and valuing literacy with our Kindergarten students.

Please keep your eye out for next weeks Junior Site Bites and visit the website to see some photos and articles about the day.

Thank you to all staff and volunteers who have assisted in our preparation for this event.

Learning Links....

As the school continues on its journey towards becoming an IB Candidate School the staff at Gold Creek have also been learning more about how to teach best in line with the views of the IB Primary Years Program (PYP).

All Pre-School through to Year 5 staff participated in a workshop learning about concept based curriculum and its advantages for students in the 21st century. Our world has become increasingly knowledgeable as technology develops providing access to information at our fingertips, every second of the day. Schools need to ensure that the taught curriculum delivers relevant and engaging content suitable for students today and tomorrow. Concept based curricula, such as the PYP, delivers content in ‘Transdisciplinary Themes’. This means that Science, Geography and History are taught together as one unit driven by underlying concepts such as ‘change’ or ‘conflict’ for example. Students can use their understanding of concepts and apply this to new areas of learning.

As part of increasing awareness of learning at Gold Creek I would like to invite all parents to join me for a short ‘Breakfast Chat’ prior to the Junior Site Assembly on Fridays. This session will begin at 8.40am in the Library and will conclude prior to assembly at 9.10am. The first session will look at ‘Transdisciplinary Themes’ in the PYP. I look forward to seeing you there.

Angela Spence
Junior Site Bites

Sport News

Gold Creek had 46 students compete at the Gungahlin Zone Athletics Carnival last week. In very cool conditions, the students participated to the best of their ability and were particularly well behaved and supportive of each other. They were some very notable performances and we eagerly await the results to see how many students will be selected to represent at the ACT Athletics carnival.

Gold Creek have competed in many basketball tournaments over the past few weeks. The boys and girls 5/6 team competed last week and found it quite challenging up against some strong opposition. The 3/4 girls and boys teams competed this week. They have been training at the senior site with year 10 students and have shown development in their skills. A big thank you to Lana, Michael, Ron, Nicolletta and Jez in Yr 10 for coaching our Junior teams.

Next week ACT Touch will host a Touch Footy Tournament in Deakin for girls and boys in Years 3-6. We wish our teams the best of luck in these competitions.

Adam Helleyar (Junior Site Sports Coordinator)

What’s happening

Play based learning

At Gold Creek Preschool we cater for the specific needs of our learners. Our play based approach is purely student centred and very successful.

This is an explanation of children at play:

‘Together we made this large structure. We used a variety of materials and worked together, collaboratively’.